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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
August 28, 2012**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our incoming president **Tom Ruggiero**. 23 members and one guest, **Tom Wyka**, were present. Tom thanked past president **Bob Fivehouse** for chairing the July meeting as is called for in our club Constitution. (The Constitution says that if our present president is absent, then the past Pres. will chair the meeting). In his opening remarks, Tom pointed out that we assemble every month in order to have fun and to experience a sense of camaraderie. Tom hopes that we will spend less time on business and more time on show and tell, tech sessions, and on socializing during the break. To minimize the time spent on business, Tom encouraged the members to keep their comments short and on the subject. There will be an executive meeting for a half hour before the regular meeting, which will be used to filter out some of the minutia so it doesn't take up everybody's time. Tom asked that we show our respect for each other by not talking during comments and presentations of other members. Our Constitution requires that every member present a tech session. While no one knows everything, everyone knows something and we encourage our members to present that "something" in a tech session. A tech session schedule will be published and members are encouraged to put their name on that schedule. Tech sessions can be a cooperative effort that calls on the participation of several people.

With dues remaining at \$20 a year, it is obvious that picnics and other outside activities cannot be subsidized. Working together, the executive committee will produce a budget, which will try to anticipate future events, their cost and the additional funds needed.

Ken Schuetz presented the treasurers report. Among other items, Ken reported that there was a miscellaneous reconciliation adjustment of 19 cents. We hope that that wasn't caused by an extravagant lunch. Ken reminded us that dues are payable in July. Members who have not paid their dues after six months are liable to be removed from the membership rolls. As one of his last duties, **Al Geigel** reviewed the payment lists for the past three

years and noticed that there were several members who had not paid for two and three years. We are a small club and hesitate to make our numbers even smaller, but it seems fair to assume that if a person hasn't paid their dues for that length of time they are no longer interested in being a member. If you have not paid your dues and would still like to be a member, please pay your arrears and we will welcome you back with open arms. (Dues should be sent to Ken Schuetz, address at the end of the Broadaxe)



OLD BUSINESS

Defying inflationary pressure, hats remain \$15 apiece. Get them while you can. And...in an effort to clear **Tom Ruggiero's** trunk for other uses, the club is offering souvenir mugs from the 2012 NE. Clubs joint conference at the bargain price of four dollars each.

Tony Alworth's wife owns a quilting shop in Morris Plains (48 Speedwell Ave. Aardvark Quilt shop, next to the Plaza Restaurant) and has generously offered us the use of its classroom space as a club meeting room on the last Saturday of every month up to December of this year. The room is available from 10 in the morning till two in the afternoon. The first two get-togethers have already taken place and the date of the next meeting is Sept. 29th. Please bring something to cover the tabletop and to clean up. Thank you Tony!

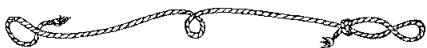
Chuck Bergman, Dennis Powell, and Mason Logie comprise the picnic committee. Mason told us that it is very late to make plans for the picnic at the New Jersey Shipwreck Museum. Mason suggested that we might want to have a party at Bahrs restaurant, which is home to many models, built by Henry Schafer, **Tom McGowan**, pointed out that that would probably cost every attendee between 40 and \$50, perhaps more than members are willing to spend. A more viable option would be a party given by a club member at his home.

Roy Goroski gave us a brief update on his continuing efforts to interest Lambert Castle in a ship model show. The officials at Lambert Castle are preoccupied with ongoing exhibits and Roy doesn't expect any further plans to be made till the New Year.

Bob Fivehouse's wife volunteers at Greystone and is requesting that club members donate any used but wearable T-shirts for the "clients". Please bring what you have to our next club meeting.

Remember that the NRG will be putting on its' fall modeling seminar on Saturday, October 13 at SUNY Maritime College at Fort Schuyler, the oldest maritime college in the country. Fort Schuyler is under the northern approaches to the Throgs Neck Bridge in the Bronx. The seminars will start at eight in the morning and are expected to end around five in the afternoon. They will be held in modern "smart" classrooms, which are Wi-Fi enabled so that tablets and laptops can be used. There will be five modeling talks and then a tour of the museum guided by one of the docents. The seminar topics will cover basic rigging, figure making and diorama creation, spiling and hull planking, silver soldering and flags. The fee for the day will be \$65, which will include a continental breakfast, a catered lunch and admission to the museum. More information can be found on the NRG's website.

Olie Eriksen opened his new company factory across the street from his old one and he invited the club to show us his new plant. This is now scheduled for 13:00 (1 PM) on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Unique Systems in Cedar Knolls. In addition to seeing Ollie's new factory you will see his fantastic models. Ollie will be providing Lunch. Significant others are invited. Tom needs to have a final count by our September meeting.



NEW BUSINESS

Henry Schaefer, one of our most productive members, recently underwent some serious surgery. To no one's surprise after a few days in the hospital he signed himself out and is recovering at home. The attending members all signed a get-well card voicing all our wishes for a complete and speedy recovery and looking

forward to soon seeing him in the front row of our meetings.

Larry Friedlander brought up the subject of 3-D printing. 3-D printing is now being used to make prototypes for industrial production and small runs of consumer goods. It seems possible that the same technology could be used to produce small parts for ship models and Larry is encouraging members to research and report back to the club on incorporating this new technology in our ship modeling.

Bob Markovic visited the Aardvark quilting shop after our regular Saturday work session was over and spent a very interesting and informative hour with **Tony Alworth**. Bob suggests that we might use those Saturday sessions as a setting for a mentoring program. Club members could buddy up or form small groups that mix experienced and less experienced modelers for informal tech sessions. If there is a subject you would like covered in a tech session or in an informal mentoring session, please let any member of the board know. On the other hand if you would like to be a mentor, please let that be known so that connections can be made. Bob pointed out that mentoring programs are an attractive inducement for new members.



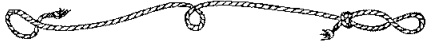
WEBSITE & LENDING LIBRARY

Website: <http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/>

Lending Library:

<http://www.shipmodelsocietyofnewjersey.org/club-library.php>

Every month our club receives 20 to 30 online requests for books, publications and plans from our library; few if any of which are from members. Posting the contents of the library online seems to create a problem without being a service to the members. If this situation continues, it might make sense to remove the library from our website. It would still be available to members but would not cause difficulties for the webmaster.



BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS



TECH SESSION

October tech session - If anyone would like to make a presentation please contact **Tom Ruggiero**.

The tech session at the November meeting will be a group presentation on tool sharpening. **Barry Rudd**, **Tom McGowan**, **Michael Storch**, and **Larry Friedlander** will demonstrate and explain producing a sharp edge on chisels and scrapers. Members are encouraged to bring in their chisels and the presenters will work on as many of them as time permits.

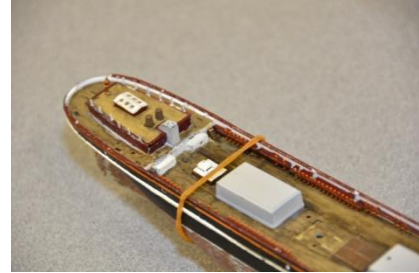


SHOW AND TELL



In the 1960s Revell produced a kid of the famous British tea clipper *Cutty Sark* in 1/96 scale. Building on the success of this kit Revell produced a smaller version of the *Cutty Sark* in 1 to 220 scale called a “quick build”. **Mason Logie** bought one of these old kits for about five dollars at a model show. Sadly, some of the parts were missing or broken. Mason is altering the kit to make it more accurate and detailed. One of the difficulties he is

facing is determining the proper colors. Mason found information on the Internet often contradictory. Mason used India in and rubbing alcohol on the deck to achieve a weathered appearance. He is using computer-generated decals to replicate the doors and windows on the crews’ quarters. Mason is now working on the rigging and hopes that he will be able to give it to his mother for Christmas.





A couple of years ago, a few of us got together and decided that it would be nice to do a group build. Wanting to do something none of us had done before but also something not too complex, we decided to build the Hannah. We are learning that complexity is not always apparent. Two years later all of us are struggling with one aspect or another of building a true plank on frame model. We have learned from each other and from experience and if that is the measure of a group build then this one has been a success. **Tom Ruggiero** brought in his *Hannah* to show that progress is being made. He has done the exterior planking and molding, installed the deck clamps and has made preparations for mounting the windlass. After installing a few of the deck beams Tom will cut his model free of the building jig. The next challenge will be fashioning a way to mount the model on the display board.



Part of the homework for the framing seminar being given by **Greg Herbert** and **David Antsherl** it is to assemble the keel, false keel and rising wood in preparation for mounting the frames. In the actual ship, tarred felt was placed between the wooden members to seal the end grain and prevent rot. **Tom Ruggiero** is using glue mixed with graphite to re-create the appearance of the prototype.

<http://www.admiraltymodels.com/untitled.html>



HANNAH GROUP

The next Hannah Group meeting will be on October 21th. As of now, the tentative location is **Barry Rudd's** house.

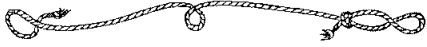
Ed.Note: The group unanimously nominated Barry's house for the Oct. Hannah group meet. Barry, in one of his rare absences from a Hannah Group event, was not present to participate in the decision. Consequently, either he or his wife may have other ideas about the location. We'll keep you posted.



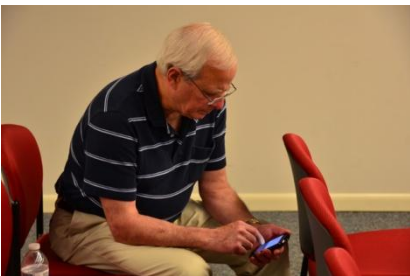
AARDVARK WORKSHOP

SMSNJ members, the next workshop get-together at the Aardvark Quilting Shop will be September 29th, 10AM - 2PM.

Aardvark Quilt shop, 48 Speedwell Ave. Morris Plains, New Jersey 07950 [next to the Plaza Restaurant]



CANDID SHOTS





Please keep the secretary informed of any changes so that the roster can be kept current. If you would like a printed copy of the roster please send a SASE to the secretary (address at the end of the Broadaxe) and one will be mailed to you. Rosters are also available at the monthly meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

FYI:

A screenshot of the Smithsonian Channel website. The page features a header with navigation links like 'HOME', 'SHOWS', 'VIDEO', 'FULL EPISODES', 'SCHEDULE', 'WAYS TO WATCH', and 'CHANNEL FINDER'. Below the header is a large image of two men in 19th-century naval uniforms, one wearing a black hat. The main title is 'THE REAL STORY: MASTER AND COMMANDER'. Below the title is a paragraph of text: 'Though it is a work of fiction, few films have been as meticulously researched as director Peter Weir's maritime masterpiece, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World." The historians and experts who worked behind the scenes will now share the real story of how they brought their stunning recreation of the 19th-century seafaring adventure to the big screen. Join us as we detail the brutal conditions of life at sea, and reveal the real-life swashbuckling captain who inspired the Hollywood character "Lucky" Jack Aubrey.' There is a 'VIDEO' section with a video player showing a ship at sea. To the right is a 'SCHEDULE' section with a list of times: 10:00pm (Friday 10/19), 1:00am (Saturday 10/20), and 2:00pm (Saturday 10/20). Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are visible at the top right.

<http://www.smithsonianchannel.com/site/sn/show.do?episode=140644>

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Contributions to the **BROADAXE** are always welcome, and SMSNNJ members are encouraged to participate. Articles, shop hints and news items may be submitted directly to The Editor as typed manuscript or electronic files, either on discs or by e-mail. Handwritten notes or other materials will be considered depending on the amount of editing and preparation involved.

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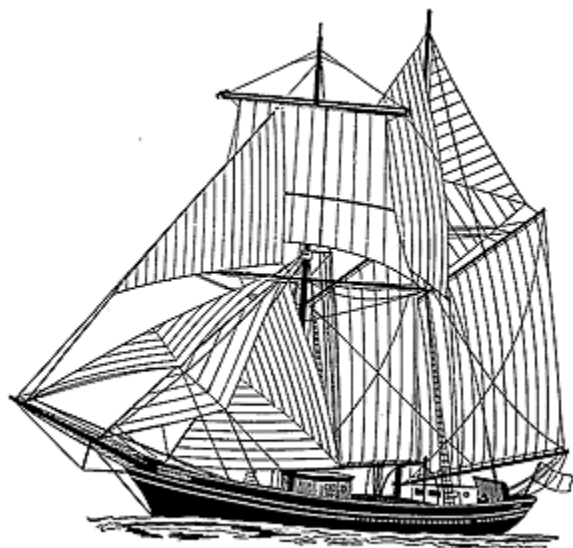
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